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SUBJ: GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON

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1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON: GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON HAS CAPITAL OF 50 MILLION CFA (DOLS 250,000) 75 PERCENT OF WHICH IS CONTROLLED BY GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF 111 S. BAYSHORE DRIVE, MIAMI, FLA. MELVIN SIBRINI (OR PERHAPS SIBLINI) WAS ACTIVE IN OBTAINING GABONESE GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT FOR GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON BUT IS NO LONGER CONNECTED WITH COMPANY. PRESUMABLY, HE WORKS FOR GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. TEN PERCENT OF THE COMPANY IS CONTROLLED BY THE GOG AND GENERAL SYSTEMS HAS ASKED A LOCAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION, SOMADIG, TO TAKE THE REMAINING 15 PERCENT. SOMADIG, HOWEVER, HAS ASKED FOR MORE INFORMATION.

2. CURRENT DIRECTOR OF GENRAL SYSTEMS GABON IS A FRENCH CITIZEN BERNARD PLE. REPORTEDLY, GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON SOUGHT PERMIT TO OPEN QUARRY FROM MINISTRY OF MINES. GOG REFUSED PERMIT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION. GENERAL SYSTEMS ALSO INVOLVED IN HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AS REPORTED REFTTEL A.

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3. GENERAL ATTITUDE OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REP WHO

PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT GENERAL SYSTEMS
GABON IS NOT LOOKED ON FAVORABLY BY LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION USDOC CAN OBTAIN ON
GENERAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.
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